

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A method of communicating with a plurality of print recording material reservoirs equipped with memory devices, wherein the print recording material reservoirs are detachably mounted on a printer, the method comprising:

determining whether all of the plurality of print recording material reservoirs are is attached; and

when all of the plurality of print recording material reservoirs are determined to be attached, determining whether communication is possible with each of the memory devices via signal lines ~~when all of the plurality of print recording material reservoirs is determined to be attached,~~ the determining whether communication is possible being accomplished when the plurality of print recording material reservoirs has been moved to a position in which the print recording material reservoirs cannot be removed.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A method in accordance with claim 4, further comprising:

identifying a print recording material reservoir in which a communication malfunction has developed, when determining that communication is not possible with any one of the memory devices.

Claim 6 (Canceled).